

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1857–S1898*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 669–692, S. Res. 90–91, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Pages S1890–91**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 19, to provide opportunities for broadband investment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–4)

S. 89, to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 115–5)

S. 96, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure the integrity of voice communications and to prevent unjust or unreasonable discrimination among areas of the United States in the delivery of such communications. (S. Rept. No. 115–6)

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. (S. Rept. No. 115–7)

**Measures Passed:**

***Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska Rule:*** By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 92), Senate passed H.J. Res. 69, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1864–84**

***Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance:*** Senate passed H.R. 1228, to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017. **Page S1897**

***Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act:*** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sullivan (for Blunt) Amendment No. 192, to improve the HIRE Vets Medallion Program. **Page S1897**

***Independence of Greece 196th Anniversary:*** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 81, recognizing the 196th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 91), Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2019.

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 91), Charles R. Breyer, of California, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2021. **Pages S1862–64**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

David Malpass, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

21 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

37 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.	Page S1898
<b>Nomination Withdrawn:</b> Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: Vincent Viola, of New York, to be Secretary of the Army, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2017.	Page S1898
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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—92) Pages S1863, S1884

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1897–98.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### U.S. POLICY AND STRATEGY IN EUROPE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and strategy in Europe, after receiving testimony from General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF (Ret.), Georgia Institute of Technology Sam Nunn School of International Affairs; William J. Burns, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Alexander R. Vershbow, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security.

### SCAMS USED TO DEFRAUD AMERICANS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine fighting back against scams used to defraud Americans, after receiving testimony from Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Acting Chairman, and Terrell McSweeney, Commissioner, both of the Federal Trade Commission; Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Columbus; Frank Abagnale, Abagnale and Associates, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Schwanke, Wichita, Kansas.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve and expand infrastructure important to Federal lands, recreation, water, and resources, after receiving testimony from Marcia Argust, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; Bob Bonar, Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, Snowbird, Utah; Jill Simmons, Washington Trails Association, Seattle; David B. Spears, Association of American State Geologists, Charlottesville, Virginia; Chris Treese, Colorado River Water Conservation District, Glenwood Springs; and Bradley Worsley, Novo Power, LLC, Snowflake, Arizona.

### FDA USER FEE AGREEMENTS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Food and Drug Administration user fee agreements, focusing on improving medical product innovation for patients, after receiving testimony from Janet Woodcock, Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Peter Marks, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, all of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Neil M. Gorsuch, of Colorado, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### RAISING GRANDCHILDREN IN THE OPIOID CRISIS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine raising grandchildren in the opioid crisis and beyond, after receiving testimony from Jaia Peterson Lent, Generations United, Washington, D.C.; Megan L. Dolbin-MacNab, Virginia Tech Center for Gerontology, Blacksburg; Bette Hoxie, Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and the Kinship Program, Orono; and Sharon McDaniel, A Second Chance, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.